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SUBJECT: YUGOSLVA WAIVER REQUEST - PREFERENCES FOR
LEAST DEVELOPED

REF: GENEVA 1035, BELGRADE 816

1. WE ARE SYMPATHETIC WITH INTEREST YUGOSLAVIA, AS
ADVANCED LDC, HAS EXPRESSED IN TAKING SPECIAL MEASURES
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IN TRADE FIELD AS MEANS OF ASSISTING LEAST DEVELOPED

COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, WE HAVE SOME SERIOUS RESERVATIONS WITH YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL.

2. IN LIGHT OF LIMITED PRODUCT COVERAGE OF PROPOSED YUGOSLAV SCHEME AND LOW AND OFTEN NON-EXISTENT SUPPLY CAPABILITIES OF LEAST DEVELOPED, WE WONDER IF YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL IS WELL ADAPTED TO PROVIDE MEANINGFUL BENEFITS TO LEAST DEVELOPED. WAIVER FOR THIS PROPOSAL COULD OPEN WAY FOR VAST NETWORK OF MINI PREFERENCE SCHEMES WITH CAREFULLY SELECTED PRODUCT COVERAGE. BENEFITS FOR LEAST DEVELOPED COULD WELL BE OUTWEIGHED BY ADVERSE EFFECTS OF BURDENSOME ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS (ADDITIONAL COLUMNS IN TARIFF SCHEDULES, RULES OF ORIGIN, ETC.) ON WORLD TRADE. YUGOSLAVIA, FOR EXAMPLE, IS ALREADY PARTY TO TRIPARTITE AND INTRA-LDC PREFERENTIAL TRADING AGREEMENTS.

3. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT PRINCIPAL EFFORTS TO ASSIST LEAST DEVELOPED SHOULD BE TAKEN IN MTN CONTEXT.

4. MISSION SHOULD EXPRESS SERIOUS RESERVATIONS DRAWING UPON ABOVE. PLEASE REPORT THINKING OF OTHER CPS AS IT EVOLVES. IF YUGOSLAVS PERSIST, MISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO SUPPORT FORMATION OF WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER YUGOSLAV REQUEST.

5. FOR BELGRADE: WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE TO HELP US ASSESS ECONOMIC IMPACT OF PROPOSED PREFERENCES. SPECIFICALLY, IS YUGOSLAVIA NOW IMPORTING DESIGNATED PRODUCTS FROM LEAST DEVELOPED OR IS THERE REASON TO BELIEVE LEAST DEVELOPED WILL BE ABLE TO SUPPLY THESE PRODUCTS IN ABSENCE OF DUTIES. KISSINGER

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